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## Telegrams.

### THE CONSTITUTION.

#### PRINCE REGENT RECEIVES

#### GRAND COUNCILLORS.

("Yuso Shimo Po" Service.)

Peking, Feb. 4.

His Imperial Highness the Prince Regent has had a long conference with the Grand Councillors on the subject of constitutional reform.

He urged their Excellencies to complete the drawing-up of the new laws at an early date, and ordered the formation of a cabinet next month.

### THE REGENT.

#### DISPENSERS WITH NEW YEAR CEREMONIES.

("Yuso Shimo Po" Service.)

Peking, Feb. 4.

The Prince Regent dispensed with many of the New Year ceremonies out of consideration for his ministers.

With the Grand Councillors they were received at 9 a.m. on New Year's Day, and by noon all had paid their respects.

Not since the days of the Ching dynasty has this New Year audience been of such short duration.

### FOREIGN TROOPS IN YUNNAN.

#### VICEROY LI MEMORIALISES THE THRONE.

("Yuso Shimo Po" Service.)

Peking, Feb. 3.

His Excellency Li Ching Hse, Viceroy of the Yun Kwei, has telegraphed to the Throne reporting the presence of a large force of foreign troops at Pun Mai, in Yunnan.

The people are greatly agitated, and the Viceroy requests that the foreign minister concerned should be at once approached on the matter.

## COMPANY MEETING.

### HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The ninth annual meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd. was held at noon to-day in the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings. Hon. Mr. Henry Kewick (chairman) presided, and there were also present Sir Paul Clinter and Mr. W. Logan (directors), Sir Horace Mody, Messrs. A. H. Ough, A. Shelton Hooper, E. D. Hughes, Ho Fook, Lo Chung Shin, J. H. Seth, J. H. N. Mody, J. C. Peter, A. E. Anger and Mowbray S. Northcote (secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days past may, I think, be taken as read. The increase in amount invested in properties is brought about by the purchase of property at Kennedy Town upon which the Company held a second mortgage. The first mortgages having put the property up to public auction, to protect ourselves we bought it in at a cost of \$156,000, and we have now arranged a lease thereof for a term of five years at a monthly rental of \$1,500, plus rates. The acquisition of this property accounts in part for the reduction in the amount shown as invested in mortgages, but you will have noticed in the profit and loss account that we have written off this amount the sum of \$10,123.62.

The term loans receivable used in the profit and loss account would perhaps have been better expressed as "investments in mortgages." Your directors deemed this course a better policy than that of writing up the value of the property purchased by a similar amount. While this sum appears at the present moment as a loss to the Company it must be borne in mind that in the event of a sale of the property, which now stands in our books at actual cost price, we expect to receive such a sum as will more than wipe out this \$10,000. In addition to this recently acquired property the Company owns some 681,837 square feet at Kowloon Point and Yau-mai, all with excellent water frontage and which all stand to-day on our books at actual cost. Our house property at Yau-mai continues to be well occupied and is in good repair. We brought forward at the close of 1909 the sum of \$304,148.17, and after writing off the amount as shown we are still able to pay a dividend of 7 percent. on the paid-up capital and to carry forward the sum of \$202,509.73, a guarantee of a similar dividend for several years to come even should no sale of property be effected in the meantime. That is all I have to tell you, gentlemen, but if you have any questions to put to me with regard to the report and accounts or any other business, I shall be glad to answer them.

There being no questions, The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. A. H. Ough seconded, and the motion was adopted unanimously. Mr. Lo Chung Shin moved the confirmation of the appointment as directors Messrs. S. A. Lery and W. Logan, who had been invited to join the Board in place of Messrs. C. S. Gubbay and E. Shelton, resigned.

Mr. A. S. Anger seconded and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. A. H. Ough moved the resolution of Messrs. Lery and Logan to the directors.

Mr. Ho Fook seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. L. Hughes moved the resolution of Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gough as auditors.

Mr. J. H. Seth seconded and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

The Chairman—Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

Among the passengers going to Manila on the s.s. Yuenseng are Mr. Ch. Alabroselli, of the Schweiger Import and Export Co., M. Gallagher, Rev. Father G. Benier, and Mr. R. H. Sharp.

## A SHORT SERMON.

### PEACE.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace—James, iii, 18.

For nearly two thousand years the season just passed has been known as the season of peace.

It is recorded in the Bible that at the birth of Jesus, some shepherds on the hillsides near Bethlehem, heard a multitude of the heavenly host singing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Therefore Mr. Andrew Carnegie has chosen an apt time to make known his gift of ten million dollars to further the cause of world-peace.

If this modern Croesus thinks peace can be purchased, like land or labour, he is mistaken. If he thinks it can be insured to mankind by the payment of so much cash annually, he is again mistaken. Possibly he is wise enough to know that the greatest real value of his small gift—for it is small when measured by his financial ability—lies in the publicity it gives to peace.

Millions of men and women are thus caused to think about peace. Among the millions may be a few who will continue to think after the news has faded, or been pale by some vaster outpouring of unearned profits.

As they think, they probably will dig down nearer to the pure ore of truth about peace.

They may come upon some such a gem as this,—that peace is not to be gained through money but through the right adjustment of the human heart to human relations.

Centuries of misreading have led me to think of money as the universal panacea. It is the great cure-all in the estimation of the majority. What money will not do cannot be done!

Yet the most wonderful changes made in all history are due to the life and teachings of One who had no money to give for any purpose; One who gave himself instead.

He came to bring peace,—not the sort of peace that needs a sort of steel ships and armed men, but the sort that is safeguarded by kindness, generosity and mercy. The sort that bears no marks of selfishness and greed.

His peace was founded upon His new commandment—"That ye love one another." It was founded also upon that master-guide given to the world before the birth of Jesus, the Golden Rule.

The world is full of persons who sincerely believe it is as foolish to even talk about the Golden Rule over prevailing optical theories as to plan week-end excursions to the moon.

Just so long as this is true, very few persons will be so foolish as to think of the Golden Rule becoming a general practice. But when men grow out of their blindness and narrowness; when they come to a point where they can see and will admit the absolute practicability of such a course, the world will begin to wonder why the Golden Rule should not have been set in motion long ago!

Money will not hasten the approach of such a day. On the other hand, it will delay its coming.

Righteousness, fairness, justice, honesty—these things will bring it quickly. And these things can be given by any one, no matter how poor in material possessions. They are God's riches placed in the hands of men for the betterment of humanity.

Your share, even though it may seem small to you, is of greater worth than all the money that could be given. And your share begins with this—that you keep peace with yourself and with your household and your neighbours.

It is a very easy and a very simple matter, yet very great and necessary.

An interesting lecture will be given at the Y.M.C.A. rooms on Monday evening, when Mr. Carrie will describe the State of Queensland. The lecturer has a series of excellent lantern slides illustrating his subject, which has been supplied him by the Queensland Tourist Bureau. Residents are cordially invited.

## TRAINING NOTES.

### WILLOW TREE'S MAGNIFICENT SHOWING.

Happy Valley, 4th Feb.

The delightful weather this morning attracted quite a large gathering of interested spectators within the enclosure, included among whom were several ladies who contributed light and mirth to the conviviality of the morning meeting.

We have to welcome Messrs. O. R. Burkill and Fred A. Cunningham from Shanghai, whose first appearance this season in the valley was the occasion for many a hearty handshake in renewing the ancient acquaintanceship.

I have also to record the arrival for the first time of Mr. King from Canton, who will begin in the saddle on Messrs. Shado and Balloch's poles.

### DERBY GALLIES.

The outstanding features of this morning's training was the phenomenal gallop which stands to the credit of Mr. F. B. Marshall's candidate for Derby honours. This pony covered 1 1/4 miles in 2.48, last mile 2.13, last quarter 33 secs. It was the consensus of opinion that in this part no griffin has yet been known to go over the distance in the remarkable time accomplished by Willow Tree this morning.

Apple Tree, the Willow's stable companion, was a little slower in his gallop, but had a better finish, his wholtime being about 2.52, last quarter 30 secs.

Coronation (Burkill up) covered 1-1/4 miles in 2.49, last quarter 32.2. This pony does not seem to please his critics as to his chances for the blue ribbon of the meeting. The general impression is that he lacks stamina.

Paul of O'Rose was sent the full Derby distance: this he accomplished in 3.11, last quarter 32-2/5 secs.

Aurora Rose and Gardonia Rose trotted shorter distances rather more slowly than the Derby contestants.

Archduke John Paul's representative, also claiming the credit of a very fine performance this morning. His 1 1/4 miles in 2.28, last quarter 32, was particularly pleasing. Archduke did not appear to be riden out at the finish. Eva has a very handsome pony in him and his chance of carrying the Blue and Silver past the winning post in the classic event of the meeting must not be overlooked; but whether the pony is game or not remains to be proved. At all events he has the speed and Mr. Johnston can be reckoned upon with consummate skill in jockeyship not to neglect his opportunities with his stylish mount.

Just in Fun (Cunningham) 1-1/4 miles 2.50, last quarter 30 3/5.

Just in Time accomplished a very slow gallop in 2.58 over the Derby distance, last quarter 31.

### SUBSCRIPTION OFFICE.

I still adhere to the opinion expressed in the first instalment of my notes on Wednesday last to the effect that so far one pony, and one pony alone, stands out from among the rest of subscription griffins. I allude to Mr. Morrison Hill's Bantam, who will probably be ridden by Mr. Vida.

Whether he can stay remains to be seen. Up to the present there is not one genuine stayer among the "subs."

Jack Spriggon, who has up to now enjoyed a rather bubble reputation, utterly failed this morning when called upon to go 1 1/2 miles; his whole time—3.36—was good, but his last half mile in 1.16 with the last quarter 39 secs. does not betray that speed which can command confidence for many a long distance race.

Another pony—Perhaps—who was reputed to be a stayer, also came to grief when put to the test to-day and finished dead to the world, last quarter 37 secs.

Macdonald's chestnut, Highland Bura, was even more badly left in this gallop and must be considered utterly useless for any distance. I have to reiterate my opinion that never in the whole course of my experience with China ponies have I seen such a poor mob of subs. griffins. With only the few exceptions already mentioned they do not seem to be capable of going any distance. Five griffins would appear to be all they are capable of negotiating. In the

short sprint races, however, this season's subs should be capable of supplying large fields.

Shelton is being restricted to slow cantoring work only and apparently can stay for ever at this pace; a different tale would have to be told when the colours are up.

Auchendolly (Johnstone) 1/2 mile, 1.41, last quarter 33 secs.

Tad (Boy up), 1 mile, 2.19, last quarter 35 secs.

Blowing Chief, one mile, 2.21, last quarter 34.

Artesian (Gegg), one mile, 2.20, last quarter 34.

Perhaps (Gegg), 1 1/2 miles, 3.45, last quarter 37 secs.

A pony that has come on lately is Alacrity, and may prove the surprise of the meeting.

OLD PONIES.

Of the bunch of old ponies first attention is claimed by the Roses. Little Gem Rose and Spring Rose were both sent out this morning. The Gem to all appearance seems to be off colour and did not gallop in his old fine style.

Cecile Rose (late Vespasian) and Royal Rose are in good fettle and will be dangerous wherever they start.

The name may be said of John Peel's Reject, who is in the pink of condition. For distances up to 1-1/2 miles this pony will take a lot of beating. I can conscientiously say that this pony is looking in capital trim.

Blackmore Vale, enjoying a splendid reputation at Gymkhana meetings, is sure to command quite a decent string of followers at the "part." I should not at all be surprised if he wins one of the confined races.

Marshall's three old ponies—Cherry, Maple and Clover Tree—are all fit and well. All luck to our Poochoo visitor! Cherry Tree covering one mile in 1.18 mins. shows himself to be an abnormally fast racer. In fact he was very unlucky in losing the Shanghai Criterion Stakes.

Olivia Tree is a persona obscura in racing, but the owner places some reliance on him for long distance events.

Maple Tree, who ran a very fine race in the Champions horse last year, hardly looks like capable of repeating his excellent performance this season. He will cause no surprise by snatching one of the races at the finish.

Highland King (late Kingclere) (Gegg), 1 1/2 miles, 2.51, last quarter 34.

Greyback (Gegg), 1 1/2 miles, 3.02; last quarter 33.

### RIDING BOY.

### GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

We are desired to state that, through the courtesy of Captain Knott, Commanding the German Cruiser Squadron, the Band of S.M.S. "Scharnhorst" will play at Government House on Monday, the 6th instant, at 9.15 p.m., when Lady Lugard will be "At Home" to her friends.

### H.V.S. MONMOUTH.

### ANNUAL SPORTS HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

The annual sports of H.M.S. Monmouth were held this afternoon, commencing at 1.15 on the parade ground of the Naval Yard.

The events were all keenly contested, the competitors being in excellent training, with the result that first class sport was witnessed.

The Marine Band played a selection during the afternoon.

The following are some of the results:

Potato Race. First Heat Skinner. Second Heat Patterson. Third Heat Farmer.

Pied Piper's Race. Open to a leader and 10 men from the F. X. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Daymen and Signalmen, Royal Marines, and steaming watches of stokers. The leader to provide a musical instrument, and take his team, who will be blindfolded, found a course.

First Heat Stoker 3rd steaming watch. Second Heat Main Top. Four-Legged Race. 1. Skinner team. 2. Maclean team.

Tug-of-War. First Pull, 3rd Steaming Watch, Second Pull, 2nd Steaming Watch and Third Pull, Foretop.

Boat Race. Open to men under 21. 1. Mathews. 2. Bryant. 3. Pope.

### THE T. K. K.

### CONNECTED STEAMER SERVICE WITH AMERICAN RAILWAY.

As our readers are aware, the Toyo Kisen Kaisha recently severed its connection with the Pacific Steamship Company, and has made its railway connection in the United States with the Western Pacific Railway which inaugurated its service in August last year. Passengers proceed from Honolulu to San Francisco.

The Western Pacific Railway is one of the many branches of the Gould system and is 927 miles long, extending from San Francisco on the Pacific coast to Salt Lake City, in Utah, through the vast agricultural fruit and timber territory of California and the great coal and mineral resources of Utah and Colorado. At Salt Lake City the new railway connection with the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, through which connections are made with the Burlington Union Pacific, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Hill Lines, and other railways reaching all points both east, north and south.

The route by which the new road pierces the Sierra Nevada has been recognized for many years as the most desirable of all, but the opening of such a railway through the wild and tortuous Feather River canyon and the Sierras was considered as a mere dream, because of the great expense and difficulties of construction. The dream, however, has been realized by the engineering triumph of this new transcontinental line.

The remarkable features of the Western Pacific Railway are its low grades, permanent construction and freedom from snow drifts, which count for greater earning power, faster and safer conveyance and comfort for passengers. In order to secure the low grade of not over 1 per cent. at any point, a considerable amount of bridge building and tunnelling had to be done. The elevation of the summit of the Sierras where the new road reaches is 2000 feet lower than any other railroad line entering California, and it is expected that no snow sheds will be needed. The advantages of this fact are inestimable both from the railroad man's and traveller's view point. It assures a journey of absolute comfort, unmarred by any indisposition because of rarefied atmosphere.

The most interesting part for the passengers by this line is perhaps the beautiful and diversified scenery of the new Feather River canyon, the Sierra Nevada Mountains: the rock-walled canyons of the Feather River alternate with glen-like mountain meadows surrounded by mighty mountains, long smooth reaches of water succeed boiling, swirling, angry rapids with amazing rapidity, presenting a panorama of mountains and streams. "A typical gorge ninety miles long," as described by a well known engineer.

This new transcontinental line, together with the palatial fleet of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, offer travellers to America and Europe a golden opportunity of viewing most attractive scenic beauty and of enjoying every comfort and convenience in ocean travel.

Mr. H. E. Laver and Mr. Thomas Webster, of Shanghai, are registered at the Hongkong Hotel.

Lieut. D. W. D. Kim, Inspector of Army Schools, left the Command, per s.s. Delhi, on 4th inst., for Colombo and Singapore (on inspection duty).

Messrs. Molchers inform us that the York will arrive with the German Mail, on Wednesday, at noon, and the Dorringer on Tuesday, at noon.

The Bishop of Macao is expected here on the 11th instant from the Straits. The Bishop is anxiously awaited in Macao in order to decide whether there will be any Procession of the Cross this year, as the Government has heretofore, intimated its disapproval in a rather unique way.

### The Weather Forecast.



On the 4th at 12.05 a.m.—except over N. China the barometer has risen generally, particularly at the Japanese stations.

Pressure is still low over Pacific to the N.E. of Japan, and the anticyclonic area remains over the Yangtze valley. Strong monsoon will continue to prevail over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

### FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lanchow, same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

### FIRE AT WANCHAI.

A fire broke out at 1 o'clock this morning at No. 6, McGregor Street, Wanchai. The fire started on the ground floor, which was occupied by a rattle chair dealer. The damage done to the goods, uninsured, in this store was \$700.

The whole of the above building was gutted and the fire spread to the top floor of the next house. At this latter place, fortunately, the brigade succeeded in putting the fire out, which lasted for fully two hours.

The houses are three-storied buildings and are owned by Messrs. David Sassoon & Co.

### THE NEW "TELEGRAPH."

Our readers will be glad to learn, that in order to still further improve the general appearance of the "Hongkong Telegraph," the Proprietor, dissatisfied with the appearance of the paper, has decided to discard the whole of the new type, which was recently introduced on the acquisition of the paper, and used for the first time on the 23rd of January last.

A large consignment, differing in design, larger in size, and of superior quality has been procured, and will be used in our next issue. It should still further improve the appearance of the paper and thus commend it to those who have already appreciated our efforts. We are determined to have only that of which we approve, none other will answer. If the projected change does not satisfy us we will experiment still further. It must be right.

The Lord Bishop of Victoria holds a confirmation service on March 10th.

Sir Pelham Warren, K.C.M.G., the retiring British Consul-General at Shanghai, left by the P. & O. s.s. Delhi to-day for Home.

The Consul-General for Japan, Mr. T. Funatsu, will give a dinner at his residence to-morrow evening to Commander Tatsaku and the officers of the cruiser Akitsushima.

S.M.S. Tsingtau arrived in port yesterday from Canton. On her voyage down the river the gunboat sustained damage to her propeller, and consequently had to go into the Kowloon Dock, where she will remain for ten days.

The Commander of the Portuguese gunboat Patria, Dr. Pissos, the surgeon, and Lieut. Brandin—all of the same ship—who have gained some notoriety in connection with the late revolt in Macao, are passengers homing by the P. & O. steamer Delhi.







## YACHTING.

## CHINA NEW YEAR CRUISE.

On Saturday last several yachts of the Corinthian Yacht Club started off from the Club on a China New Year cruise, the route proposed to be followed being by way of Chinwan, Tungchun, Taiho to Chungchow, and thence home—thus circling the island of Lantau. As the afternoon wore on, the breeze freshened up and towards dark quite a strong wind was blowing, so much so that the Eriadne made the passage from the Club House to Chinwan Pass, in 40 minutes. The good ship Lady Godiva anchored in Chinwan for the night and during the evening the crews of the smaller boats were entertained on board.

Early next morning a start was made for Tungchun, and it was not until the boats had passed Mawan that everyone realised that the wind had reached the force almost of a gale. The Lady Godiva went along with only one battened up on the foremast and mainsail, while the others lay to and took in

ALL THE REEFS they could. With the wind a nasty short sea got up and the whole ocean seemed to become a mass of "white horses." The force of the wind may be gauged by the fact that Mr. Kewick's boat Dalcoven carried only a reefed foresail and it is not for any ordinary breeze that one will find Mr. Kewick under reef.

The launch A.I. was also out with a picnic party and on arriving off "The Brothers" it was suggested that the return journey should be started instead of going into Castle Peak Bay. As soon as the launch was put beam to sea in going about, the wind caught her awnings and tore out the weather stanchions carrying them clear overhead of those on deck, and it was only with great difficulty that the funnel of the launch was saved from going overboard.

However, on arriving at Tungchun the Lady Godiva was the first to anchor, while the Tormentor being sailed by Mr. Cook's single-handed anchored under the lee of the island opposite. In the strong wind and choppy sea here, the anchors dragged so badly

that all the boats had to change their anchorages to the lee of the island some half-way along towards the north on the west side. Here, however, it was not pleasant, and the boats dropped all the ground tackle that they could to prevent dragging. During the night the wind changed to the south and made even this anchorage dangerous.

Next morning it was decided to move back to Chinwan, as the wind seemed to be holding, and as it looked like rain the trip to Taiho was abandoned. The return trip, however, was more wet than pleasant, with no wind after passing "The Brothers," but plenty of rain. A heavy rain-squall came down during the afternoon completely blotting out all signs of land, and even in the Chinwan inner passage the shores were obliterated from view by the heavy downpour of rain which came with the squall. Fortunately, the squall passed away just as quickly as it had come down, leaving behind a calm sea with welcome sunshine—the first that had been seen during the trip.

THE NIGHT IN CHINWAN was also calm and the only boat to arrive before dark were the Eriadne and the Brynhilde. The Lady Godiva arrived about two o'clock in the morning, but even the sound of rejoicing which came from her crew in celebration of their safe arrival could not disturb the repose of the weary crews of those boats already anchored.

The flotilla returned to the Club anchorage on the Tuesday with a pleasant wind, which in a manner compensated for the surplus of it that had been experienced on the Sunday.

The second cruiser race is to take place to-morrow round the Island to Starboard. The fifth club races for other classes will take place at the usual times on the same date; also the third club race for motor boats.

The Seventh Club Races of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed to-day. The course for the Handicap Class was Channel Rocks (port) Cust Rock Buoy (port) Channel Rocks (star) Cust Rock Buoy (port) Meyers East Buoy (port), 8 miles.

The competitors in this class were expected to be:—  
Doris Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Iris Commodore Eyles n.s., Erica Mr. A. Deason, Ada Col. Chapman, Kathleen

Officers. n.s., Colleen. Hon. H. E. Pollock, n.s., Min Messrs Irving and Alabaster, Ayosha Capt. Loring, n.s.a.  
The One Design Class had the following course:—Mark Boat Quarry Bay (port) Cust Rock Buoy (star) Channel Rocks (port).

The following were the probable competitors:—  
Haleyon, Mr. B. H. Rouse, Bonito II. Mr. H. W. Bird, Ailes, Mr. R. Sutherland, Daphne, Officers, n.s.e.

## CANTON BRAVES.

## TROUBLE IN THE THEATRE.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

Canton, February 3.

At the close of the year, the officer commanding the Canton recruits begged H.E. the Viceroy to notify the proprietors of all theatres in Canton to admit soldiers into these places of amusement at half price on Sundays and during the holidays.

Although the Canton Viceroy consented to this suggestion, the letters on the subject had not reached the hands of the proprietors. On New Year's Day about ten recruits in Tung Kwan paid half price for admission. The theatrical managers refused to let them in at half price, and a quarrel ensued. During the dispute another batch of soldiers arrived on the scene, and with their comrades, they obtained admission by force.

The officer commanding the regiment to which these riotous soldiers belong, was telephoned for, and he hurried to the scene to maintain order. He mounted the stage and requested the musicians to stop for a time. He said the arrangement had been approved by the Viceroy, but the letters despatched by His Excellency to notify the proprietors had not been received. They were at the present moment in the hands of the Taoist Constabulary, who had not yet notified the proprietors. It was only a case of misunderstanding. He stated that he had received instructions from the officer commanding the recruits to obtain tickets for admission, so as to conform with the regulations of the theatre. He would demand tickets from the soldiers, and if he discovered any one had succeeded in obtaining admission to the theatre without a ticket, he would have him punished. On hearing this, the soldiers came out from the theatre to get tickets, returned to see the performance, and when the curtain was lowered they went away peacefully.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.  
SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 11 noon on the dates shown against item, for the services of the contract of one year commencing from 1st April, 1911.

General Supplies "B." Tenders to be delivered on the 1st February. (Supply of Laundry Soap, 200 lbs. F. Barry, 21st February.)  
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The Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and no tender will be considered unless made out on the proper form and delivered at the Headquarters Office by noon on the above mentioned dates, in a closed envelope marked "Tender for..."

The right to reject any or all tenders is reserved.

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## Intimations.

## FOUNDED IN HONOUR.

No doubt you have seen in the such papers announcements as this—concerning some medicine or other:—"If, on trial, you write that this medicine has done you no good we will refund your money."—Now, we have never had reason to speak in that way concerning the remedy named in this article. In a trade extending throughout the world, nobody has ever complained that our medicine has failed, or asked for the return of his money. The public never grumbles at honesty, and willfully made bread, or at a medicine which really and actually does what it was made to do. The foundations of "WAMPOL'S PREPARATION" are laid in sincerity and honour the knowledge of which on the part of the people explains its popularity and success. There is nothing to disguise or conceal. It was not dreamed, out, or discovered by accident; it was studied out on the solid principles of applied medical science. It is palatable as honey and contains all the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extract of Malt and Wild Cherry. This remedy is praised by all who have employed it in any of the diseases it is recommended to relieve and cure, and is effective from the first dose. In Anemia, Spindly, Nervous and General Debility, Influenza, La Grippe, and Throat and Lung Troubles, it is a specific. It is precisely what it is said to be, and has won the confidence of the public on that basis. You may resort to it with a faith and hope that arise from the history of what it has done for others. Dr. Thos. H. M. Stacey says: "The continued use of it in my practice convinces me that it is the most palatable, least nauseating, and best preparation now on the market." One bottle proves its intrinsic value. "You cannot be disappointed in it." Sold by chemists throughout the world.

## WAMPOL'S PREPARATION

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## G. B. R.

## WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 11 noon on the dates shown against item, for the services of the contract of one year commencing from 1st April, 1911.

General Supplies "B." Tenders to be delivered on the 1st February. (Supply of Laundry Soap, 200 lbs. F. Barry, 21st February.)  
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Form and other particulars can be obtained on application to the General Supplies "B." 1st February.

The Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and no tender will be considered unless made out on the proper form and delivered at the Headquarters Office by noon on the above mentioned dates, in a closed envelope marked "Tender for..."

The right to reject any or all tenders is reserved.

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## Intimations.

## THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

Telegraphic Address:—"DOCK," Yokohama.  
Codes used:—A.B.C. 4th, 5th Edition, Lieber's, Scott's, A.I., and Watkin's.]  
DOCK DEPARTMENT:—Telephones: Nos. 376, 503, or 681.

| No. 1 DOCK.            | No. 2 DOCK.            | No. 3 DOCK.            |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Dock Length 515 ft.    | Dock Length 175 ft.    | Dock Length 431 ft.    |
| Width of Entrance 80 " | Width of Entrance 50 " | Width of Entrance 63 " |
| Water on Blocks 18 "   | Water on Blocks 15 "   | Water on Blocks 11.5 " |

Mooring basin 600 feet x 100 feet x 15 feet deep.

EVERY description of repair work is undertaken. A large assortment of material including tail shafts are kept in stock. Two powerful tow boats, floating derrick to lift 45 tons pneumatic, electric, hydraulic plants, etc. Manufacturers of engines, boilers, lugs, lighters constructional steel work, etc. Tenders on short notice by letter or cable.

WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT:—  
Telephones: Midoricho Office 533, or 575, Customs Branch Office 1352, Takashimacho Office 291, or 205, Infancho Office 2252.

16 bonded warehouses, principally of brick and steel, 358 entrances. 13 buildings are private bonded warehouses. Floor area 73,443 square yards or 15.45 acres. Direct water frontage of 2.56 miles in length, part having a depth of 25 feet at low water, suitable for steamers discharging direct into warehouses. Railway siding with direct connection to the Government railways. Use of 45 tons derrick lugs, launches, etc. Customhouse brokerage and insurance undertaken. Rates moderate.

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## Notice of Firm.

## NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that on this date the AGENCY of the TOYO KISEN KAISHA'S SAN FRANCISCO LINE has been transferred to Mr. K. MATSUDA, Manager, and the business of the TOYO KISEN KAISHA will hereafter be conducted by him.

F. J. HALTON,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 27th January, 1911. [85]

## NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that on this date I have taken over the AGENCY of the TOYO KISEN KAISHA'S SAN FRANCISCO LINE. All business of the TOYO KISEN KAISHA will henceforward be transacted by the Company's Office at King's Building.

K. MATSUDA,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 27th January, 1911. [85]

## Intimations.

## PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE.

## WEEK DAYS.

|            |            |               |
|------------|------------|---------------|
| 7.00 a.m.  | 10.00 a.m. | Every 10 min. |
| 10.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | 15 min.       |
| 11.30 a.m. | 12.45 p.m. | 15 min.       |
| 12.45 p.m. | 1.15 p.m.  | 10 min.       |
| 1.15 p.m.  | 1.45 p.m.  | 15 min.       |
| 1.45 p.m.  | 2.15 p.m.  | 10 min.       |
| 2.15 p.m.  | 3.00 p.m.  | 15 min.       |
| 3.30 p.m.  | 5.00 p.m.  | 15 min.       |
| 5.00 p.m.  | 8.00 p.m.  | 10 min.       |

NIGHT CARS.  
8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

## SUNDAYS.

|            |            |               |
|------------|------------|---------------|
| 8.00 a.m.  | 9.00 a.m.  | Every 15 min. |
| 9.00 a.m.  | 9.30 a.m.  | 30 min.       |
| 9.30 a.m.  | 10.30 a.m. | 15 min.       |
| 10.30 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | 10 min.       |
| 11.45 a.m. | 12.00 noon | 15 min.       |
| 12.00 noon | 1.00 p.m.  | 10 min.       |
| 1.00 p.m.  | 5.00 p.m.  | 15 min.       |
| 5.00 p.m.  | 6.00 p.m.  | 10 min.       |
| 6.00 p.m.  | 7.00 p.m.  | 15 min.       |
| 7.00 p.m.  | 8.00 p.m.  | 10 min.       |

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

## SATURDAYS.

Extra cars at 3.15 p.m., 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m.  
SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1909.

## Wonderful New Designs!

## JEWELLERY PRECIOUS STONES &amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

## MOHIDEEN &amp; CO. 38, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

## LEE YEE

HAIR DRESSING SALOON.  
HAS ALWAYS ON HAND  
CIGARS, CIGARETTES  
AND  
TOILET REQUISITES  
FOR SALE.  
11, D'ARQUILLAR STREET,  
HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1907.

## Entertainment

"THE EMPIRE"  
CINEMATOGRAH THEATRE,  
Des Voeux Road Central  
(Opposite to Central Market).

2 Performances  
7.15 p.m. Reduced Price.  
9.15 p.m.

MATINEES  
SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS  
4 p.m.

Mr. DENIS CARNEY  
and  
Mr. GUS. HAYWARD  
In an Original Comic Sketch.  
Miss DOLLIE SWIFT,  
The Talented Soprano and Dancer.  
The Hall at Good Things.

NHAN DOON of the  
"POPULAR VICTORIA"  
"SKATING RINK."  
5 Sessions Daily.  
Hongkong, 4th Feb., 1911. [858]

## AUCTIONS.



## Intimations.

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CO., LD.

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ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, 2nd July 1909.

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"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" should be  
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should be accompanied by the Writer's Name and  
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The object of this paper is to publish  
correct information, to serve the truth  
and print the news without fear or  
favour.

THE  
Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 1911.

CHINA OF TODAY.

Make haste slowly is the axiom that  
should enter into the minds of all lovers of  
China at the present moment. The  
great Empire of the East is in transi-  
tion, but those who are responsible for  
the changes which are taking place are  
exhibiting a spirit of haste  
which causes China's friends much  
anxiety. The country is unwieldy in  
every respect. Lacking education,  
lacking the more obvious indications  
of civilization, lacking communications,  
lacking a financial system—it is least  
of all countries in the modern world  
fitted to give into the hands of its peo-  
ple the power of government. China  
was ancient in the days of Pericles,  
and has become a law unto itself,  
which the revolutionary spirit of modern  
day cannot easily change. Physiologi-  
cally the Chinese are not naturally  
adapted to constitutional government;  
the patriarchal form of administration  
is more fitted to their attitude towards  
life. The Manchu Government is of  
such a type, and although we are forced

to recognize its incapability as a political  
guide, there is no doubt that the National  
Assembly since that body was inaugu-  
rated are not such as to cause us to  
place very deep confidence in its abili-  
ties. It has, of course, before it the  
most difficult of all difficult tasks,  
namely the revolutionizing of an an-  
cient civilisation to the plane of  
modern progress. But scarcely has  
it been in existence than it finds  
it is in direct, and apparently  
paralyzing conflict with the existing  
government. The huge and slowly  
moving body of public opinion in  
China realises clearly enough its  
own crying needs, but with the example  
of England, France and Germany be-  
fore us at the present moment we  
cannot but regard with trepidation  
the unrestrained attempts at legislation  
of the National Assembly. We may  
compare the political situation in Pek-  
ing to that in England. The Grand  
Council add the National Assembly  
are in conflict just as the British  
political machine, although with cen-  
turies of experience behind it, finds  
itself on the lee shore of the "Lords"  
Vote. The result eventually in both  
cases will be the same,—that is the peo-  
ple will attain full power; but as regards  
China we must recognise constituencies  
are claiming rights which they are  
at present inadequate to hold. It is  
not too much to say that less than one  
per cent of the people of the country  
are incapable of taking part in the  
administrative measures which are so  
urgently necessary. Problems of sur-  
passing difficulty confront the country  
people,—at least a great majority  
of them,—do not recognise the urgency  
of solving the same; and they, there-  
fore, in the person of the National As-  
sembly are a distinct danger. Should  
they succeed in obtaining unrestricted  
power, hasty legislation, with its usual  
results, is almost certain. We recognise  
that the Manchu as a political guide  
is a failure, but despite the handicap  
of conservatism, and progressive ideas  
and to action to change in any form,  
the Prince Regent and his Grand  
Council are a more reliable figure-  
head of State than the youthful politi-  
cians who represent the people in the  
Assembly. His Imperial Highness  
and his ministers, while they may not  
have moved forward along the path of  
progress as rapidly as we of the West  
could wish, are not guilty, as the  
National Assembly has already been  
guilty, of hasty actions, whether of a  
progressive or retrogressive nature.  
In our cable news to-day will be found a  
Peking telegram to the "Yung Shing Po"  
stating that the Regent has urged  
the Grand Council to complete at an  
early date the constitutional laws and  
to establish a cabinet council  
immediately. While we imagine that  
this news is made an "intelligent anti-  
ipation" upon a statement of fact, whether  
reliable or otherwise it is to be  
hoped that China will not be saddled  
with hasty legislation but, as befits her  
old and calm moving life, will make  
haste slowly but steadily to put her  
house in order.

HONGKONG DAY  
BY DAY.

The Emperor of India goes into  
Kowloon No. 1 dock to-day.

Cosmopolitan and Kowloon Docks  
have been full for some time past. A  
vessel goes into Aberdeen to-morrow.

A telegram to the "Yung Shing Po"  
from Peking reports that Prince Ching  
has been taken suddenly ill.

H. B. M. Consul General A. E.  
Wilmam is returning to Manila by the  
Zafiro on Wednesday next.

Per a Yuenang, Mr. G. L. Bal-  
win of the Vacuum Oil Co. is going  
to Manila.

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Two vessels were in the No. 1 dock,  
at Kowloon, yesterday. The work of  
excavation in the new dock has now  
been completed.

Mr. M. Shiraishi, director and  
General Manager of the Toyo Kisen  
Kaisha, is expected here on 8th inst. on  
the s.s. America from Japan.

Mr. T. Spafford, Deputy Grand  
Junior Warden of the District Grand  
Lodge of Hongkong and South China,  
arrived in Hongkong by the Koi-si-chang  
on the 15th ult. to consecrate and erect  
the new lodge of St. John in Bangkok  
and in the Worshipful Master and  
officers.

Commander C. M. Knapp, of the  
U.S.N., is leaving for Shanghai on the  
s.s. Asia to-day.

Mr. Gaspar, of the Canton Railway  
is going on leave for several months,  
leaving to-day for S.S. Asia.

The Pacific Mail liner Asia is  
fully booked for her return trip. She  
is due in San Francisco on the 4th of  
March.

Mr. H. H. Young, of the Eastern  
Extension Telegraph Co., is going  
home for a vacation, leaving the Colony  
to-day for S.S. Asia.

Sergeants Baker, Appleton, Jackson,  
Davis, and Davitt, of the Hongkong  
Police, will be leaving for home  
shortly for a holiday.

The concert for the benefit of the  
manager of the Sailors' and Soldiers'  
Home will take place on the 8th  
March next, and not on the 8th inst.  
as previously stated.

On Monday evening Mr. P. Currie  
will deliver a lecture at the Y.M.C.A.  
on "Queensland." The lecture will be  
illustrated by a number of lantern slides,  
and it is expected that a large number  
of members will be present.

Under the care of Manager Briece  
one of the biplanes of the aviation trio  
now in Hongkong was successfully  
conveyed to Taipo on a special train  
yesterday. Capt Baldwin was there to  
receive the machine.

S. M. S. Saharabhai, which arrived  
yesterday from Batavia, is awaiting the  
arrival of Rear-Admiral Kroskic. The  
Admiral was appointed to take com-  
mand of the East Asiatic Squadron on  
the 22nd of last month. He is expected  
here on the 26th inst., coming via  
Siberia.

The petty officers of the Tamar and  
naval establishment generally held their  
annual ball last night. The R. G. A.  
theatre was prettily decorated for the  
occasion, and dancing was kept up until  
a late hour. Guests from Kowloon and  
Stonewall Island were taken back  
on launches at about 2 a.m., after a  
most enjoyable evening.

The contingent of Volunteers pro-  
visionally selected to represent Hong-  
kong at the coronation in June, will  
include Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.,  
Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, Captain  
M. S. Northcote, Lieut. W. Russell,  
Sergeant M. McIver, Sergeant E. M.  
Hayward, Sergeant F. O. Day, and  
Sergeant A. E. Wright.

The Bishop of Victoria, accompanied  
by the Rev. A. D. Stewart and W.  
Rogers, has left Hongkong for Pak-  
hoi by the s.s. "Mathilda." The Bishop  
proposes holding confirmations and in-  
specting the various mission stations  
between Pakhoi and Nanning, returning  
via the West River. He will be absent  
from Hongkong for about a fortnight.

The Hutton Cup Committee will  
meet in the Court-Martial Room,  
Scandal Point, on Monday. The  
committee is composed as follows:—  
President—Major W. M. Withycombe,  
1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. Members.—1  
officer 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., 2 officers  
13th Rajputs, 2 officers 105th M.L.I.

At a meeting of the Board of Direc-  
tors, Y.M.C.A., the various committees  
for the ensuing year were elected, with  
the following as chairman: Educational,  
Mr. H. Bykes, Membership, Mr. W.  
Smart, Social, Mr. R. G. Barlow,  
Athletic, Mr. L. le Breton, Rooms, Mr.  
A. W. Smith, while the Finance Com-  
mittee is composed of the following:  
The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Mr. A.  
H. Harris and Mr. A. Bryer.

Station leave has been granted to the  
undermentioned officers for the periods  
stated against their names:—Captain  
T. C. Leah, R.G.A., from 14th to  
28th February, 1911. Lieutenant G.  
H. Staveley, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I.,  
from 17th February to 30th March,  
1911. Lieutenant C. R. T. Thorp, 1st  
Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., from 17th February to  
31st March, 1911. 2nd-Lieut. G. de  
Hoghton, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., from  
17th February to 31st March, 1911.  
2nd-Lieut. A. U. Collis-Brown, 1st  
Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., from 17th February to  
31st March, 1911. Leave of ab-  
sence, on private affairs, to the neigh-  
bouring countries, has been granted to  
Capt. C. H. D. St. Clair, A.S.O., from  
27th April to 20th June, inclusive.

OUR  
CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

WANTED, A LEADER.

The hour generally finds the man and  
doubtless in her direct need Great  
Britain will find the leader that she  
needs. At the same time it cannot be  
denied that none of the men now hold-  
ing office, and even fewer of the men  
who face them on the Opposition ben-  
ches, inspire the high respect and con-  
fidence accorded the leaders of a former  
generation. Mr. Balfour may be a  
supreme master of party craft as prac-  
tised within the walls of the House of  
Parliament, and Mr. Asquith may be a  
very model of legal probity combined  
with "admirability," but neither at the  
present moment command the unanimous  
approval of their respective parties.  
And therein they demonstrate how far  
they fall short of being ideal leaders.

Daily Press.

EDUCATION IN HONGKONG.  
It is, in our restricted meaning of the  
term, infinitely easier to successfully  
crave for a school examination than for  
the Oxford Local, and when it is urged  
that the scheme of the Oxford Local is  
too ambitious for Oriental students we  
can only point in answer to the success  
achieved by Chinese students in Hong-  
kong, Shanghai, Chefoo or Weihaiwei,  
which, if we are not sadly mistaken, com-  
pare very favourably indeed with the  
percentage obtained by schools at Home.  
It is to the great credit of Chinese  
students if this be so, and we have only  
to add that if a sound Western educa-  
tion is to be provided in the British  
schools of the East we know of no better  
basis on which it can rest than the  
scheme of the Oxford Local Examina-  
tions.

South China Morning Post.

THE MASTERY OF THE  
PACIFIC.

The question of the Pacific Ocean is  
one of the most fascinating political  
problems which exists to-day in East-  
ern Asia, and from whatever point of  
view the student of affairs examines the  
change in human activity, which has  
taken place during the past century  
none is more striking than that which  
has brought the great ocean into the  
zone of practical politics. For long  
generations the Pacific was regarded as  
a mere insignificance; but at distance  
became annihilated under the progress  
of modern science, its isolated waters  
began to serve as a route for the world's  
commerce, and an arena where the na-  
tions were assembling in rivalry. In  
the main, the changes which have  
taken place have been made since the  
defeat of China by Japan introduced  
a new element into the international  
aspects of the ocean.

HANDS OFF ROBBERS.

LOOT A VILLAGE.

THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.  
Canton, Feb. 3.

Some time ago His Excellency the  
Canton Viceroy, dismissed from service  
the civil and military authorities of  
Shun Tak district, who had been failing  
in the capture of robbers in the place  
under their jurisdiction, as already re-  
corded in your columns.

The action of the Viceroy has, how-  
ever, not diminished the frequency of  
robberies in this district, as the follow-  
ing case of plunder will show.

On the afternoon of New Year's  
ere the village of Nam Si, in that dis-  
trict, had the misfortune to be ransack-  
ed by robbers. The party consisted of  
about 200 men. Some came into the  
village by land, and some by boat.  
They first set fire to the matchless  
occupied by the boating fraternity,  
situated on the outskirts of the village,  
and then broke into the village itself.

Over one hundred and sixty families  
were looted, and over twenty shops and  
houses were burned down. Four vil-  
lagers were shot. The extent of the  
loot could not be ascertained, but it  
represented a great deal. While the  
plunderers were playing havoc with the  
village, shots were freely fired.

The plausible condition of the women  
and children was beyond description.  
They fled here and there, crying and  
yelling. Early next morning the mal-  
factors desamped with the booty.

[SPECIAL ARTICLE.]  
Licensing Anomalies  
in Hongkong.

THE BARMAID QUESTION.

It may be beyond the powers of man  
to devise a system of laws that shall be  
utterly devoid of anomalies, but surely  
of all the anomalous Ordinances that  
ever were compiled there are few to be  
found outside the realm of comic opera  
that can hold a candle to the Hongkong  
licensing laws. True enough, serious  
attempts are made by the Executive  
from time to time to have such inequali-  
ties removed when the fact of their exist-  
ence is brought under notice, but it is  
generally happens that almost before any  
amending Bill has been put through the  
original Ordinances require some further  
padding; and so it goes on, until those  
responsible for the administration of a  
particular law find themselves over-  
whelmed in a mass of amending and  
re-amending enactments. Such is the  
case with the Liquors Ordinances and  
to some extent with the Opium Ordina-  
nces as well.

Yesterday at the Police Court, three  
second-class hotel licensees were charged  
with contravening the terms of their  
license by employing barmaids, and one  
of them was fined \$25, although it was  
stated in evidence that the women in  
question were sisters of the licensee.

PLAYING THE PIANO.

the other in taking money at the coun-  
ter, but neither in serving drinks at the  
bar. The Magistrate ruled, however,  
that any woman engaged in a bar-  
room—even if only to play the piano—  
is a barmaid within the meaning of the  
licensing regulations. His Worship was  
pressed by Mr. E. J. Grist (who repre-  
sented all the defendants) to give a ruling  
as to whether a licensee's wife serving in  
the bar is a barmaid, but this he declined  
to do, as the question had not been  
raised in the cases before him.

In this connection, however, it is an  
open secret that the Police had in mind  
to test this question, and it is said that  
a summons was actually issued against  
one hotel-keeper in the central portion  
of the town for keeping a barmaid on  
the premises in the person of his  
wife, but that at the last moment the  
summons was for the time being with-  
drawn. So that if all accounts are  
true, the Police are rather chary about  
broaching the subject. Whatever may  
be the case in Hongkong, it would  
certainly seem queer to come across an  
English inn without a landlady presid-  
ing over the bar parlour.

When recently the Government de-  
termined upon the exaction of a tax  
upon all intoxicating liquors imported  
into the Colony, still further anomalies  
made their appearance on the Statute-  
book. In the case of the

NAVAL CAUSE, it had previously been the  
rule that no spirits were served in the  
mornings until the shore-leave men  
had gone aboard. Jack, however, could  
always get a pint of beer if he so de-  
sired before returning to his ship. But  
to many of the bluejackets the tem-  
ptation to indulge in a tot of spirits in  
the morning led them to the public  
grog-shops, opening at six o'clock.

So the fact went forth that none but  
first-class hotels should be allowed to  
sell spirits before nine o'clock. This  
was so obviously unfair to the second-  
class hotel licensees that they jointly  
protested; and the result was that on  
1st December last a new regulation  
came into force enacting that all licensed  
premises should remain closed until  
eight o'clock. On the face of it, this  
would appear to be equitable enough, yet  
it is just the reverse. For now

THE COMPROMISE  
steps in and takes a hand in the game.  
The Chinese compradore, by it known,  
generally opens his shop at six o'clock  
in the morning and from him one can  
buy a bottle of whisky or a bottle of  
beer two hours before the highly taxed  
hotel-keepers are allowed to sell a drop  
of liquor of any kind. Of course, any  
drink purchased in a compradore's shop  
cannot be consumed on the premises.

But that does not prevent any draw-  
back to Jack ashore if he be keen upon  
getting a glass of spirits, for the  
thrifty souls club together to purchase  
a bottle and dispense it at  
the nearest shop where mineral  
waters are procurable. Nor is it only  
the bluejackets who take advantage of  
this early opening of compradore's shops  
to obtain liquors before the hotels are  
opened.

OPPIUM DIVANS.

In the case of opium divans, too, a  
somewhat anomalous state of things has  
come into being. When the divans  
were abolished some months ago, opium  
smokers had recourse to tea-houses  
where they could smoke their own opium,  
bringing it there themselves and leaving  
the dross behind in recompense for the  
use of the pipe and other smoking para-  
phernalia. The Police held that these  
places were opium divans within the mean-  
ing of the law, but after a test case had  
been fully argued before the Magistrate,  
His Worship gave a ruling against this  
contention.

And now a new regulation has been  
issued prohibiting the smoking of opium  
in all premises licensed as eating-houses.  
It is hardly necessary to point out that  
this is merely tinkering with the matter.  
So far as the writer's information goes—  
and it is got from most reliable sources—  
opium smoking is as prevalent as ever,  
the only difference being that the habi-  
tual smokers have resorted to the gratis  
Chinese hotels and brothels at West  
Point. So that the Government will soon  
find themselves compelled to pass more  
and still more regulations, if the eradica-  
tion of the vice is to be effected at all.

MR. SIMON A. LEVY.

APPROACHING DEPARTURE FROM  
HONGKONG.

Mr. Simon A. Levy, the manager in  
Hongkong of the firm of Messrs. E. D.  
Sassoon & Co., is about to take his de-  
parture from the Colony. Mr. Levy  
proceeds on home leave after having  
directed the affairs of his firm in Hong-  
kong during the absence in Europe of  
Mr. C. S. Gubbay, for whom he has  
acted for about a year.

During his tenure of office in Hong-  
kong, Mr. Levy has occupied a seat on  
the advisory committee of the Hong-  
kong General Chamber of Commerce,  
and his counsel on all matters affecting  
the Indian trade have been of special  
value to the General Committee and to  
the Government when it had recourse  
to the Chamber for their advice. This  
was specially true in the matter  
of the opium controversy, which  
at one time resolved itself into a  
"triangular duel" between the ex-  
Viceroy at Canton, H.B.M. Consul-  
General at the Southern capital, and the  
British and Indian firms in Hongkong.  
Mr. Levy's forthcoming de-  
parture has formed the occasion of a  
popular demonstration as that which  
attended the home-going of his prede-  
cessor in office, Mr. A. J. Raymond.  
In honour of Mr. Levy a fancy dress  
masked ball is being held at the Jewish  
Recreation Club this evening, which  
promises to be a brilliantly successful  
function. A banquet will be tendered  
the departing captain on Saturday week,  
and on the following day, the 12th  
inst., the members of the Club will be  
"At Home" in honour of Mr. Levy.

Besides these functions, there will be  
several private entertainments, at  
which Mr. Levy will be the honoured  
guest.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

Intimation has been given that the  
Volunteers will attend military opera-  
tions with the Regulars on Friday,  
Feb. 16th. The men will probably leave  
Kowloon by the 7 a.m. train, returning  
to Hongkong about 4 p.m.

Also, field firing by the whole gar-  
rison will take place near Fanling some  
day after February 22nd.

Over 4,000 troops are expected to be  
out in the new territory before the end  
of this month.

BILLIARDS.

At the Grand Hotel last night Mr.  
Bollen met Mr. Percy in the second  
round of this handicap, and an excellent  
game resulted. Mr. Bollen owed 100,  
and Mr. Percy was at scratch. At the  
start Mr. Percy went off with two  
breaks of 19 and this put him a long  
way ahead. By careful play Mr. Bollen  
gradually crept up until at 800 they  
were level.

A ding dong game was then played,  
neither player allowing the other a  
chance, until at 284 Mr. Percy seized  
his opportunity and, playing a couple  
of beautiful runs through, finished the  
game 16 points ahead.  
The score at the finish was: Mr.  
Percy 250, Mr. Bollen 284.  
To-night Mr. Phillips meets Mr.  
Ester, when a very good game should  
result.

## CANTON NEWS.

[THIS "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]  
Canton, Feb. 3.

While H.E. Tsang Ki was acting  
Viceroy, the Reform Society petitioned  
that the site of the old gun-powder  
factory in Sai Chun should be granted  
for the erection of a lunatic asylum.  
The acting Viceroy was further asked to  
waive the claim of the provincial govern-  
ment, for the cost of bricks, wood work  
and stonework of the old building. His  
Excellency instructed the Taoist of  
Constabulary to estimate the value of the  
same with the building authority.

His Excellency Chang Ming Ohl, the  
Capton Viceroy, has now instructed the  
Taoist of Constabulary to notify the  
Reform Society that the Government  
will waive the claim for the bricks, wood-  
work, and stone work of the old build-  
ing, which amounts to over 3,000 taels,  
excluding the site, as the institution  
being a lunatic asylum is a charitable  
work and deserves the support of the  
Government.

The Grand Councilors have now  
H.E. the Canton Viceroy requesting  
him to instruct the Provincial Examiner  
to prohibit the students of every school  
in the province from "madly demanding"  
the immediate opening of Parliament.  
Some evil-doers have taken advantage  
of it and gone round the schools to  
incite the students. Most of them are  
young and innocent, and are easily  
led. The agitators generally distribute  
hand bills and studies are suspended in  
order to support their unreasonable  
demand. Trouble of this kind has  
occurred in the provinces of Fengtien,  
Chili and Szechuen.

The Grand Councilors are afraid  
that similar trouble will arise in Can-  
ton. The Viceroy is requested to  
instruct the Provincial Examiner to  
notify the directors of education and  
inspectors of schools to strictly prohibi-  
the students from committing "this  
offence, and to require them to pay  
their sole attention to studies, instead  
of allowing their minds to be occupied  
with things political. If trouble of this  
kind occurs in the provinces the offend-  
ing students will be severely punished  
and the director of education, or the  
inspector of school, or the education  
committee, or the principal of the  
school concerned will likewise be dealt  
with for failing to observe the decree of  
the Throne which prohibits students  
from taking part in politics for the  
immediate opening of a parliament.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

On Monday, Vice-Governor Newton,  
W. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert, of the  
Philippine Islands, will arrive here by  
the Prinz Sigismund, and will transfer to  
the N. D. J. Dordflinger for Europe  
next week.

Farewell gatherings are among the  
least happy of the features of life in the  
Orient, and of these constantly recur-  
ring functions none have shown a more  
sincere valedictory regret than the  
despedidas which have recently taken  
place in honour of Vice Governor and  
Mrs. Gilbert, says a Manila paper.

In every circle of Manila's complex  
life they will be missed, for they have  
attained to a very great and widespread  
popularity. Their charming home has  
been for long a centre of delightful hos-  
pitality, but it is not alone as hosts that  
their place will be hard to fill, for their  
presence as guests has always been  
eagerly sought by legions of friends.

OUR NAVAL FORCES.

THREE SUBMARINES FOR  
HONGKONG.

For the first time in its history as a  
naval port Hongkong is to have sub-  
marines stationed in its waters.

The little craft, three in number, are  
coming out under their own power.  
They are of the latest type, developing  
a speed on the surface of 18 knots, and  
between 8 & 9 knots when submerged.  
They can use their torpedoes with effect  
at a distance of 3,000 yards from the  
object of attack, and the full crews  
number 17 men.

The submarines will be escorted over-  
part of their difficult and dangerous  
journey by, first, H.M.S. Edgar, then  
H.M.S. Fox, while the Monmouth will  
meet them at Colombo, and the Flom at  
Singapore.

Both Gibraltar and Malta will also  
have an equal number of submarines  
attached to their forces. The craft will  
largely replace mines in the three har-  
bours. They are capable of lying  
submerged for a week at a time.



YESTERDAY'S  
SPORT.

## FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG RUGBY CLUB vs GARRISON.

The above teams met on the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday afternoon in the second round of the Rugby challenge cup competition. A large gathering of spectators watched the match with keen interest.

The teams lined up as follows:—

Hongkong Football Club:—Full Back, T. S. Robson, 3/4-backs, H. G. Hogarty, D. S. Donnelly, A. E. Wood, J. C. Roberts; 4-backs, T. Cooker, A. A. Olaxon; forwards, J. F. McGregor (C), A. Temperley, D. G. Cheesman, E. H. Scott, W. Ross, J. Bell, Irving, T. E. Graham and W. R. Sutherland.

The Garrison:—Lieut. Williams, A. S. C., back; Pte. Heyd, K. O. Y. L. I., Lt. Bayliff and Paris, R. G. A., Lieut. Collis Brown, K. O. Y. L. I., three-quarters; Lieuts. Wiltshire and Thicknesse, R. G. A.; half-backs, Capt. Loring, R. G. A., Lieut. Tod, and Benton, R. G. A.; Lieuts. Bradley and Lambert, K. O. Y. L. I., Lieut. Webb, R. G. A.; Gunner Ryan, R. G. A., and Lieut. Opl. Scruton, K. O. Y. L. I., forwards.

The match was a fast and exciting one from start to finish, and at an early stage the Garrison had matters their own way, and succeeded in getting three tries, but with no further result. This gave them a lead of 9 points. Before the end of time the club notched a try, and this put them 3 points up.

The second half was much more exciting than the first, and immediately after resuming the Club scored a goal, making the score 3-3 in favour of the Garrison. The game was fast and after a time the Club succeeded in scoring another goal. The game at this stage looked as if it would result in a victory for the Garrison, but nevertheless the Garrison team did not give up hope, and with a beautiful run up they managed to get a try, which resulted in a goal. The Club attempted many times to increase their margin, but nothing eventuated, and the game resulted as follows:—

Garrison 14 points; Club 13 pts.

## HOCKEY.

The Royal Engineers hockey team will meet the K.O.Y.L.I. team in a friendly game on Monday afternoon, at 3.30 p.m., on the Military ground at Happy Valley.

The H.M.S. Monmouth hockey team will play the Mahrattas second eleven in a friendly game on Monday at 1 p.m., on the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon.

CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.  
The H.M.S. Monmouth will play the Mahrattas on Thursday afternoon, in the second round of the above competition, on the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon.

## THE "GAZETTE."

His Excellency the Governor has appointed CHARLES WILLIAM MARYS BAKER, Commander, R.N., to act as Harbour Master, Marine Magistrate, Emigration and Customs Officer, Registrar of Shipping, Superintendent of the Gasworks, Depot and Collector of Light Dues, during the absence on leave of RALPH BROWN, HAMILTON TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., or until further notice.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed EDWARD JONES to act as Assistant Harbour Master and ARTHUR EDWARD DAVEY to act as First Boarding Officer, with effect from this date.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed, under Section 5 of the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance 1909, (Ordinance No. 46 of 1909), the Honourable Mr. ARTHUR WINNOLZ BROWN to act as Chairman of the Licensing Board, until further notice, vice Sir FRANCIS HENRY MAY, K.O., M.C., resigned.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Honourable Mr. ARTHUR WINNOLZ BROWN to be Chairman of the Board of Examiners, vice Sir FRANCIS HENRY MAY, K.O.M.G., resigned, and JOHN ROSSMUN WOOD to be a Member of the Board.

COMMERCIAL.  
FREIGHT CIRCULAR.

Messrs. Lamke and Rogge report:—Business during the interval has, as could be expected, to a great extent been influenced by the Chinese New Year holidays, and plying of prompt remittance was difficult. Still a fair amount of chartering has come to pass.

Siam/Hongkong:—As will be seen in the list of settlements evolved there has been a considerable falling off in the way of chartering, and charterers had to be met by 14 cents being accepted for loading immediately after Chinese New Year.

At the time of writing the demand is slight, but as the local rice market however is improving, there are all signs that renewed activity will set in very shortly and the demand for delivery about a week hence is sure to increase.

Saigon/Philippines:—Demand for fairly prompt was filled by the charters of a few boats, rate obtained being very poor indeed.

Bangkok:—The N. D. T. Bangkok liners continue competing for freight from Saigon to this and another such fixture is on record.

Saigon/Java and Hongkong:—There is still very little doing for prompt in either direction.

Rangoon:—Reports have it that Japan has bought some 30,000 tons of rice. Chartering up to now seems to have been confined to Japanese tonnage except British, e.g., "Gylfagra" fixed in London. The rate, it is said, is as low as 9/6d. per ton.

Daly/Amoy:—Except the fixtures done up North a box has been settled locally at 20 cents per picul.

To carry salt from Quang Chow Wan to Hongkong and Macao a small size vessel was secured at 10 cents per picul.

Haiphong/Philippines, a charter has been arranged to 2 ports P. I., 10,000 casks at 75 cents per cask.

Quang Yen:—Another fixture was put through at last rate paid, i.e., \$1.60 per ton.

The North:—Things are very quiet and the small demand for tonnage tends to keep rates low. As to future prospects much will depend upon to what extent business will suffer from the outbreak of plague.

Hoagay to this:—Consumers have felt requisitioned by supplying their own tonnage. The mines are resuming business in a few days and there may be further charters shortly.

Coal freights from Japan are declining. Business was done in following direction:—Wakamatsu/Hongkong \$1.55; Wakamatsu/Union \$2.25/\$2.2; Kailashan, Singapore, \$2.60 per ton.

Time Charter:—The "Norw." s.s. "Dagney" 882 tons net reg. is taken up for a short period at \$1250, prompt delivery, to trade between Hongkong/Canton, and Norw. s.s. "Fri" by last charters for Newchwang trade, March delivery, for 8 1/2 months at \$1300 per month, a somewhat improved rate.

Casualties:—It is reported that the small French steamer "Din Tien" ex "Sorsogon" while on a voyage from Haiphong to Tourane laden with case oil, caught fire at sea and was lost with practically all hands.

Sales:—The B.V.S. s.s. "Mortlake" 1737 tons Net Reg. Germ. s.s. "Tring" 600 tons Net Reg. and s.s. "Hilary" 1276 tons Net Reg. are reported sold to Japan, terms are kept private.

## COAL MARKET.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough, in their coal report, state that since last report sales of 53,000 tons Japanese are reported at \$6.00 to \$7.75 per ton. No business reported in other kinds.

The quotations are:—Cardiff \$19.00 to 21.00 ex-godown, nominal.

Australian West Walsend \$11.25 ex-ship, nominal.

Yabari Lump \$12.00 nominal.

Miki Lump \$10.50 to \$11.00 ex-ship, nominal.

Moji Lump \$7.75 to \$9.50 ex-ship, steady.

Moji Unscreened \$6.00 to \$8.00 ex-ship, steady.

Akaike Lump \$8.25 to \$8.50 ex-ship, steady.

Labuan Lump \$9.00 ex-ship sellers, nominal.

Kaiping Navy Lump \$10.00 to \$10.25 ex-ship, nominal.

Kaiping Loco Lump \$7.50 to \$7.75 ex-ship.

Kaiping No. 5 Dust \$6.50 to \$6.75 ex-ship.

Kaiping No. 1 Dust \$6.25 ex-ship.

THE PLAGUE IN MAN-  
CHURIA.SAID TO ORIGINATE FROM  
MARMOT SKINS.

The Mukden correspondent of the Times in a letter of the 11th ultimo, describes the spread of the plague in Manchuria as follows:—

A terrible disease, the Mongolian Plague, is raging in Kirin Province and is even travelling this way, while it is reported that it is working havoc along the Russian Railway eastwards from Harbin. The pity of the whole thing is, that it might so easily have been checked and isolated, as it broke out at Kharlar and Manchuria, two remote places in the far north-west.

There are no people, to speak of, between Kharlar and Tsitsihar city, a distance of several hundred miles of mountains and dry plains. The Russians tried their best, but were simply checkmated by the ever-stolid apathy of the Chinese officials, who were responsible for that region. It began, it is quite evident, from the vast number of

## MARMOT SKINS

which had been accumulated at the above two places, by an enterprising trader, who, it is stated, sent them off to America. Hundreds of non-descript Chinese were employed all last summer and autumn, scouring the Mongol plains for these skins.

Now, it is a well known fact that this animal is the chronic origin of the plague in the Indian form. To the south of Kharlar this form of sickness has been more or less known to be always endemic, but has not often broken out locally into epidemic, as the Mongols usually leave these animals and their haunts severely alone. The Chinese who hunted the marmots, were first rate ex-gamblers and opium smokers and in fact,

## POORLY FED AND VERY WEAK

in stannia, as are the majority of those who form the outlying populations of Manchuria, in the north. They were crowded into wretched hovels or huts, and there were no sanitary or other arrangements as to pure water, etc. When the trouble reached the native town of Chuchiatung, as the Chinese part of Harbin is called, there, too, it found conditions most congenial. The poorer Russians also offered a welcome, by their habits and ways.

It is going pretty strongly in the busy and large city of Changchun, and reports from other places say that cases are springing up.

## MISDIRECTED ENERGY.

The authorities in this city of Mukden seem alive to the situation, but unless they enlist the help of the European and Japanese doctors, who are willing to do their best, they will not effect much good. The Chinese should take strong action and deal kindly yet firmly with all concerned. It bids fair to work more mischief than all the wars this unfortunate land has ever experienced, unless it is checked. One wishes that the Government students, who are stamping the country to "house" the people against Japan, Russia, and all foreigners, in order to force a gathering of a Parliament, would use their superior knowledge towards enlightening the poor ignorant villagers and townspeople, so that they may the better cope with the real enemy that is now gripping them.

January 12.—I wrote you yesterday saying that the animal from which the plague is said to have originated was the marmot; this is not quite true, but a creature very similar, but rather larger, called by the Russians "barytgan" and by Chinese "Hsiao Ta." It seems that the hunters and others last autumn ate the flesh, blood and fat of these creatures, as well as collected the skins.

NEWS FROM THE  
NORTH.

The Ministry of Finance has decided to change the "Ta Ching" Bank entirely, and divide it into two parts. That in which is invested the Government capital will be called the Imperial Government Bank, and that with the people's money will be known as "Ta Chok" Bank. The change is to be effected immediately the New Year ceremonies close.

## AMERICAN NEWS.

[VIA MANILA.]

Washington, January 28.—President Commissioner Manuel Quezon has prepared a speech to be delivered on the floor of the House in which he attacks the policy of the Philippine Government in administering and disposing of the friar lands in the Philippine Islands.

The gist of Senator Quezon's speech is that the Filipino people regard the ownership of large tracts of land in the Philippines by foreigners as a menace to the independence of the islands both political and economic. Senator Quezon has been assisting Representative Martin in the friar land inquiry.

Washington, January 30.—It is now regarded as very probable that the President will call an extra session of Congress immediately upon the adjournment of the present Congress. President Taft is not content with what Congress has done so far and is determined to have more of his programme enacted if possible. One matter upon which Taft has set his mind is the reciprocity arrangement with Canada.

He is determined to have the treaty ratified and is not disposed to let the Senate kill the measure by failure to act upon it during the session. President Taft regards such an arrangement as one of the best ways of reducing the cost of living in the United States by admitting foodstuffs free from the Dominion.

## MOTOR BOATS FOR CHINA.

THE WEST RIVER TRADE.

We quoted a few weeks ago the opinion of a leading marine engineer to the effect that he fully expected a great increase in the use of motor boats on Chinese waterways during the next few years. This opinion is now confirmed by a report of H.B.M.'s Legation at Peking to the British Foreign Office on the trade of the Sikiang, says the "National Review." Goods going from Hongkong or Canton up the Sikiang proceed in steamers, by independent routes to the treaty port of Yachow, whence they are carried in motor boats, steam launches, lighters and junks to Nanning. The steam launches do not generally run above the Ta Tan Rapids, about 130 miles below Nanning. Beyond Nanning cargo is conveyed to Pao, the limit of junk navigation. The report concludes by saying that motor boats will in future probably run regularly between Nanning and Pao from April to December.

## LOCAL SHARES.

MESSRS. E. S. KADONIS'S WEEKLY  
REPORT.

Messrs. E. S. Kadonis and Co., writing under yesterday's date on the share market, report as follows:—

Business for the period under review has been on quite a small scale owing to the advent of China's New Year holidays, and the market has not yet settled down to ordinary business conditions.

The London rubber market has shown a slight tendency to rise, but business has been on a very limited scale. Advances from Singapore continue to indicate a very sluggish market at that port.

## MONEY IN THE COLONY.

Return of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong during the month ended 31st January, 1911, as certified by the managers of the respective banks.

| Banks                                     | Average      | Specie       |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Chartered                                 |              |              |
| Bank of India, Australia and China        | 2,658,447    | \$1,000,000  |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation | 15,276,881   | 11,000,000   |
| National Bank of China Limited            | 26,880       | NIL          |
| Total                                     | \$21,955,328 | \$12,000,000 |

## CANTON'S WATER SUPPLY.

RATE INCREASED.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, Feb. 3. The shareholders of the Water Supply in Canton have petitioned the Canton Viceroy proposing an increase of the rate of the water supply charges.

His Excellency has intimated that the petitioners' proposal is quite reasonable, as the company has been working at a loss. Commencing this month, the rate will be increased by 25 per cent. and such houses or buildings requiring a large supply of water should be fitted with meters. The quantity of water allowed for in each house depends on the number of inmates.

H.E. the Viceroy will soon instruct the Tactai for Constabulary, the Kwong Chow Prefect, and the Nam Hoi and Pan U Magistrates to notify the public of the pending changes of the water supply charges, besides ordering the Provisional Examiner to inform all the schools that meters will be fitted therein.

## PAYING JOSS.

TWO WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, Feb. 3. In the early hours of New Year's Day, the house occupied by the Wong family in Loi Wan Lane, at the back of Sun-Wai street, suddenly caught fire. It appears that the master of the house had been ill, and had gone back to his country, leaving an amah and a slave girl to look after the premises during his absence. On the morning in question, they were carrying out joss, and lighting off some crackers a spark dropped into a basket containing joss papers, and the inflammable material ignited at once. The flames shut off all means of escape, and the two unfortunate inmates were burned to death. On the 1st inst. the tragic occurrence was reported to the Nam-hoi Magistrate, who has now sent a deputy to hold an inquiry.

## JAPANESE SHIPPERS.

TENDENCY TO PURCHASE

LARGE VESSELS.

Considerable activity is being displayed at present in Japanese shipping circles.

Among the second rank of shippers purchases of new boats are being made, the tendency being towards the acquisition of vessels of large tonnage.

One of the latest purchases is by Messrs. Akamuraya of Kobe, who have bought the s.s. Chusan. This steamer is of 6,200 tons burden, and, we understand, a very good price was given for her.

Various other additions have been made recently to Japan's mercantile marine.

## OUR DIARY.

Sunday 5th Feb.

Corinthian Yacht Club, Yachting.

Monday, 6th Feb.

Hongkong Christian Union Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Grown Land Sale, 8 p.m.

Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., annual meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday 9th Feb.

Lady Lugard "At Home."

Friday, 10th February.

Volunteer Dance.

Saturday, 11th February.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, Regatta.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, Smoker.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co. Annual Meeting, 11.30 a.m.

U. S. R. C. Dance.

Monday, 13th February.

Geo. P. Lamport, property sale.

Tuesday, 14th February.

Race Meeting.

Wednesday, 15th February.

Race Meeting.

Thursday, 16th February.

Race Meeting.

Tuesday, 21st February.

Canton and Macao Steamship Co. Annual Meeting, noon.

Saturday 25th Feb.

U. S. R. C. Dance.

To-day's  
Advertisement.

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NAVY CONTRACTS, 1911-12.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, for the supply of the under-mentioned Stores and for Washing Clothing, &c., for H.M. Naval Service at Hongkong during the period 1st April, 1911, to 31st March, 1912, will be received by the DEPUTY VICE-ADMIRAL STORE OFFICER, H.M. Naval Yard, until noon on MONDAY, the 27th February, 1911:—

FRESH BEEF and VEGETABLES.  
FROZEN MEAT.  
SOFT BREAD.  
BISCUITS.  
RICE.

SUGAR.

Forms of Tender and any necessary information may be obtained on application to the DEPUTY VICE-ADMIRAL STORE OFFICER.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, January, 1911. [862]

## Intimations.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1910. [94]

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| For                             | Steamship | On                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| SANDAKAN                        | KAUSANG   | TUESDAY, 7th Feb, Noon.  |
| SHANGHAI                        | KAUSANG   | TUESDAY, 7th Feb, Noon.  |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & C. A. LUTTA | LAISANG   | THURSDAY, 9th Feb, Noon. |
| MANILA                          | LOONGSANG | SATURDAY, 11th Feb.      |

FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL.—FEBRUARY 11ST TO 25TH, 1911.

A Special Reduced Fare of \$50 for return Passengers will be issued for our sailings to Manila of the 11th and 18th February, available for 30 days from Date of issue. Passengers taking these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

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Telephone No. 212, Hongkong, 4th February, 1911.

CHINA NAVIGATION  
CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| For                   | Steamers    | To Sail            |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| SHANGHAI              | "QUEENAN"   | 4th Feb. Midnight. |
| MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU | "TRAN"      | 7th " 4 P.M.       |
| SHANGHAI              | "LINAN"     | 9th " 4 P.M.       |
| CHINKIANG             | "KANSHU"    | 11th " 3 P.M.      |
| MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU | "SUNGKIANG" | 14th " 4 P.M.      |

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| DESTINATIONS.                                                                | STEAMERS.                                                                                                                      | SAILING DATES.                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID. | MIYASAKI MARU, Capt. T. Mori, Tons 9,000.<br>KITANO MARU, Capt. E. Cope, Tons 9,000.<br>IYO MARU, Capt. R. Takeda, Tons 7,000. | WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., at Daylight.<br>WEDNESDAY, 1st Mar., at Daylight.<br>WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar., at Daylight. |

| DESTINATIONS.              | STEAMERS.                                  | SAILING DATES.                 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE. | SADO MARU, Capt. S. Ujiridahi, Tons 7,000. | SATURDAY, 25th Feb. From KOBE. |

| DESTINATIONS.                                                            | STEAMERS.                                                                            | SAILING DATES.                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & YOKOSUKA. | AWA MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, Tons 9,000.<br>IYABA MARU, Capt. K. Kiwari, Tons 7,000. | TUESDAY, 28th Feb., at Noon.<br>TUESDAY, 28th Mar., at Noon. |

| DESTINATIONS.                                                               | STEAMERS.                                                                               | SAILING DATES.                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWN SVILLE AND BRISBANE. | KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Wickett, Tons 6,000.<br>YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5,000. | FRIDAY 17th Feb., at Noon.<br>FRIDAY 17th Mar., at Noon. |

| DESTINATIONS.       | STEAMERS.                                 | SAILING DATES.                  |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| KOBE AND YOKO HAMA. | HIRANO MARU, Capt. H. Frater, Tons 9,000. | THURSDAY, 16th Feb., at 11 A.M. |

| DESTINATIONS.                 | STEAMERS.                                 | SAILING DATES.                 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKO HAMA. | YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5,000. | WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., at Noon. |

| DESTINATIONS.          | STEAMERS.                                 | SAILING DATES.            |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE. | HAKATA MARU, Capt. A. Motter, Tons 7,000. | WEDNESDAY, 15th February. |

| DESTINATIONS.                     | STEAMERS.                                      | SAILING DATES.         |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO. | BINGO MARU, Capt. S. J. G. Larson, Tons 7,000. | TUESDAY, 7th February. |

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| Steamers.     | Tons  | Leave Hongkong | RATES OF PASSAGE                     |
|---------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| MIYASAKI MARU | 9,000 | 15th Feb.      | To London, per New Steamer           |
| KITANO        | 9,000 | 1st March      | 1st class Single, \$150              |
| IYO           | 9,000 | 15th "         | 2nd class Single, \$85               |
| HIRANO        | 9,000 | 29th "         | 3rd class Single, \$50               |
| TAWO          | 9,000 | 29th April     | Old Steamer, 1st class Single, \$100 |
| KAMO          | 9,000 | 26th "         | 2nd class Single, \$70               |
| AKI           | 9,000 | 10th May       | 3rd class Single, \$40               |
| MISHIMA       | 9,000 | 24th "         | Return, 45%                          |

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| Steamers. | Tons  | Leave Hongkong | RATES OF PASSAGE               |
|-----------|-------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| AWA MARU  | 7,000 | 28th Feb.      | To Pacific Coast Common Points |
| IYABA     | 7,000 | 28th March     | 1st class Single, \$130        |
| TAMBA     | 7,000 | 25th April     | 2nd class Single, \$80         |
| AWA       | 7,000 | 23rd May       | To London via New York         |
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|-----------|-------|--------------|---------------|
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Hongkong, 25th January, 1911. (16)

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On or about 14th Feb. 1911.

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Hongkong, 24th January, 1911. (18)

## Shipping—Steamers.

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PHILIPPINES  
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| Steamship. | Tons. | Captain.    | For                   | Sailing Date.               |
|------------|-------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ASIRO      | 4,000 | H. Mainland | MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO | WEDNESDAY, 8th Feb.         |
| ASIRO      | 4,000 | S. Crosby   | MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO | MONDAY, 20th Feb. at 4 P.M. |

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Special reduced fare of \$50, to Manila and return (No Head Tax)

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Hongkong, 25th January, 1911. (83)

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